

Willowbrook.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

My dear friend,

Your honors are too much in supposing me to be the author of the small certificate which proved such an efficient agent in entering the industrial of the children in the first Missionary ship sent out from the United States. In January 1856, Miss Sarah Oliphant of Auburn sent me a letter from Rev Dr Titus Coan of Hills, Sandwich Islands, in which he expressed an earnest desire that a small vessel be sent out to ply among the Islands of the Pacific Ocean - etc. - for missionary purposes. The matter took hold on my mind at once, - and I wrote to Rev Dr Wood on the subject. He was then permanent secretary of the Board at New York. - I enclose his reply to my letter. The subject was subsequently brought to the attention of

the Board at Boston. and I submitted  
to the Committee a plan which I  
had proposed for issuing shares at  
ten dollars each. - a young lady, a  
teacher in my family, (now Mrs  
Ruliffson, of Bethany Institute, New-  
York,) suggested the trust as appropriate  
to the certificate - "And he spake to  
his disciples that a small ship should  
wait on him". - The other trust was  
selected in our family - and our young  
Cousin, Mr Watol, had the first certificate  
made for us. - I saw you by the  
letter from Mr Gooden. - that it was  
thought best to issue a small certifi-  
cate - with one of the trusts already selected  
upon it. - Mr An Eyck of Cazenovia  
first suggested the five and ten  
cent shares. - I send you a few of the  
letters which I have pursued relating to  
the fitting out of the "Morning Star" - with  
a copy of the first certificate and also a  
letter from Dr Coan, and a printer's  
notice of the second round sent out with a  
brief allusion to the first "Morning Star".  
Dr Coan suggested that the "Mormon"  
Ship be named "the Day-Star". but the



name "Manning-Star" was prepared by  
the Committee. - a Lady, whose home  
is at Oakland, California, has recently visi-  
ted us and has given us a very interesting  
account of her interview with the Culture-  
Islanders - to whom she ministered at  
San Francisco: - she desires very much that  
a steam yacht be purchased with-  
moores at San Francisco - to ply  
among the Islands of the Pacific Ocean  
which have never yet been visited  
by any missionary ship: I enclose  
a description of the people of the Culture-  
Islanders which appeared in the sailors  
Magazine.. when in New York in May  
I called at the office of the Seamen's  
Friend Society to see Dr. Hall, - but he  
was not there at that hour: - I wished  
to speak with him about a missionary  
ship for the isolated places of human  
habitation in the Pacific Ocean: -  
If you can possibly call on Dr. Dr. Hall,  
will you converse with him on the subject?  
all the money necessary can be collected  
in five and ten cent contributions and  
if the Seamen's Friend Society should  
take the enterprise into its hands all

the Sunday schools of nearly every Chris-  
-tian denomination would contribute.  
Let the ship be purchased and placed  
under the direction of the Seamen's  
Friend Society. "The Gods shall wait  
for His Law" would be a sufficient  
name for undertaking the enterprise.  
Through the Secretary of the Navy - no  
doubt a suitable vessel could be pur-  
chased - and what expense can we  
make for not sending "the gospel  
to every creature"? I have thought of  
cruising Commodore Luce of the  
Training Squadron - now at Newport  
on this subject. I do most earnestly  
pray that it may receive attention and  
that the "Day-Star" may steam out  
of the Golden Gate of our western  
shore with the banner of love to all men  
and under the guidance of the great Captain  
of Salvation - Let us dear brethren - "leave  
the things which are behind and  
press forward - there is yet much land  
to be possessed and "Our day is quickly  
passing by"! Let us move to leave more  
than one missionary ship upon the  
waters - <sup>here</sup> upon our own coast. Let the training  
shore - Believe me always truly your friend  
Comelia Weston



My dear friend,

As I wrote you, I feel quite unworthily a place  
in your list of Worthies - yet I am grateful  
for the kind consideration which has prompted  
you to ask the place and date of my birth  
and the names of my parents. I cannot refuse  
to comply with your request - though in doing  
so I sacrifice what is dearer to me than  
the approbation of the public - my own  
self-respect. What I have been able to do  
in the service of our blessed Master, I have  
done in the retirement of my home and I  
feel truly all the imperfections of my work -  
may the dear Saviour - take them fly out of the  
circuit which I would press upon his sacred  
head - and cleanse all my poor offerings  
in that fountain filled with blood - where  
we lose all our guilty stains -

I was born at Utica N. Y. December  
25<sup>th</sup> 1818 -

My parents - were John and Eliza  
Williams -

My paternal grandparents and my  
father - emigrated from Wales in  
1800. and came to Utica -

My were Welsh Presbyterians -

In 1832 I united with the Presby-  
terian Church at Utica - under  
the pastoral charge - of Rev G. C. Dickinson -

Comrie Williams Martin -

My mother and my Grandmothers were  
both pious - were members of the Pres-  
-byterian Church - and earnest Christians  
My maternal grandfather was Thomas Sicks -

Edinburgh Erie Co Pa

Rev S. Jackson D.D.

June 5, 1883,

Dear Bro. In behalf of our  
S.S. which raised \$12.00 Thanksgiving  
eve. 1882 for the Willam Missionaries in  
Alaska I have written <sup>this day</sup> to Mrs. M. E.  
Boyd 23 Centre St. desiring the  
Board not to divert the \$12.00 from  
its original object - but use or apply it



to the object for which it was raised -  
giving also the opinion of the S.S. as  
expressed in the matter - We are sorry  
to learn that the money has not been  
long used for said object.

Yours Very Respectfully  
R. G. Williams

Pastor of Pres. Ch.



Albany N. Y. June 9<sup>th</sup> 1853  
E. Throop Martin

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear friend,

Your kind letter came  
to me a few days ago and I thank you,  
most sincerely, for the honors you desire  
to confer upon me in giving my name  
a place in the Encyclopedia of persons  
that have been active in the Presbyterian  
church and in the women's missionary  
societies. With I highly appreciate this  
attention on your part, I am compelled  
to say that my name could not ap-  
propriately be associated with those  
who have identified themselves with  
the Presbyterian church - as I have  
been a member of the Reformed  
Dutch church for more than thirty  
years and the interests to which

you kindly allude, as those in which  
I have taken part, are a part of the  
work which I understand merely as  
a servant of Christ - without reference  
to denominational work.

at the age of thirteen I united with the First  
Presbyterian Church of Utica under the pastoral  
care of Rev. Samuel C. Aikin and continued  
a member of the Presbyterian Church until  
after my marriage in 1837 to Mr E. J.  
Morse Martin of New - York - when  
on the removal of my residence to  
the city of New York, I united by letter  
with the Reformed Dutch Church in that  
City - under the pastoral charge of Rev  
Dr Mathews and his colleague Rev  
Manlius L. Hutton. On my return to  
Utica in 1841, I assisted in organ-  
-ising the Unitarian Presbyterian  
Church or rather aided in founding it.  
but on the final removal of my residence  
to Newburgh - near Auburn - N. Y. I united



commitment in forming that society.  
Even after our organization, the church  
property at Wrentham was abandoned  
and we decided to join society  
affiliated to Wrentham as the Eastern  
Board of Missions of the Congregational  
church. After the organization of the  
Eastern Board of Missions and the partial  
reception by the Congregational church -  
the Eastern Board - Wrentham school  
association was formed as an agency  
for Christian work in the Wrentham and  
nearby and distant places in our own  
country. This society is now in active opera-  
tion and has sent you by their mail in  
last Annual Report notice and to  
"The Morning Star." The history of this  
enterprise is too voluminous for even  
an allusion. I must rather spare the  
time it would take for a perusal  
of the same, which led to the sending  
out of our first missionary ships, in  
making a plan for purchasing a  
small steamer to cruise about among

10.

The isolated Islands of the Pacific Ocean  
have no Missionary ship and must  
upon the command of the great  
Captain of our salvation.

There is a promise that "the Isles shall  
wait <sup>for thy light</sup> upon the Lord" and there is  
now a loud call from the Pacific  
Coast for a Missionary ship  
to ply in the waters where the  
Savages and other neglected Is-  
land call for the "Mighty  
of salvation." I am very anxious  
my dear friend to speak with you  
on this subject and to give you  
the facts now in my possession.

In the hope that you will come again  
to my home when you can conveniently  
do so I am always

Your sincere friend

Lambert A. Martin

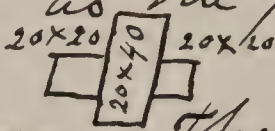


Alaska  
Fairbanks, June 9, 1883  
Dr Jackson  
Dear Bro.

I have received  
your letter in which you  
speak of the Mail route  
I have written to Dr Corlies  
concerning it having seen  
a letter by canoe some time  
ago, and have one ready for  
this steamer. Lieut. Schwallke  
has gone to the Interior leaving  
his wife at our house until  
the next steamer, he is  
to do some government  
work on the Copper and  
Taninahan Rivers returning  
here about October

- We have had a visit  
from Mr Hill. from what

he says he has the contract  
to put up a building for  
a home. He says it is  
to cost \$600.00 and will be  
built in about two years  
he takes the money that  
the board furnish for the  
home and hires work done  
on the Hydah Saw Mill  
expecting to get the lumber  
from it. He says the  
missions are to be on equal  
footing. The ~~Homes~~ The same

He has given us the plan  
of the building  There is  
no place for a School room

He says he has time to put  
up a private Saw Mill &  
stay a month on the grounds  
(fishing & hunting I suppose)  
until it is put up but



he says he has too many  
Irons in the fire to  
consider a School house  
or place for School at  
the upper Village or to  
even visit the upper Village.

But I will say no more—  
though I think much.

We are commencing  
to look like civilization up  
in this country. and it  
will not be long before there  
is something big in the way  
of business. Mr. Bushnell  
who has charge of Mr.  
Kinnies work here for  
the summer says if they  
are successful in their  
fishing there will be  
several canneries started  
next year also saw mills.  
There is a prospect that

The mines will prove  
something in the Interior  
which will make this the  
Town

Concerning the Mail  
Route I do not think  
it would be advisable  
to take it up for another  
year as the mail Steamer  
will visit this place nearly  
every month for the Canneries

I have built a boat  
house expect to receive word  
from the Bank at Portland  
this month. I do not know  
whether I told you to let  
the boat money that was  
sent to the board go or not  
at any rate what you have  
will provide every thing necessary  
I will receive by this Steamer  
Lumber to make a skiff for

The Chilcat river I do not yet know whom I will get to build it, but can find some one or, make it myself.

The boat that I now have is worth from \$300.00 to \$400.00 I was offered \$200.00 for it last week.

Mrs Willard has been suffering a good deal with the tooth ache for 3 or 4 weeks. other than that we are comparatively comfortable though very busy.

I wish you would send the money for the article that Scribner has (provided you wish to sell it) here to Mrs Willard do not give it to the board nor mention the fact to the board. Mrs W.



desires to use it as she  
sues fit herself. She forgot  
to mention the fact by on.

We are having beautiful  
weather. The sun shines nearly  
all the time just enough  
wind to blow the Mosquitoes  
away.

All unite in sending  
kindest regards to yourself  
and family.

Your Bro in Christ  
Engene S. Willard.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.  
23 Centre St.  
New York

P. O. Box 1938.

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DETROIT ORPHAN SCHOOL,  
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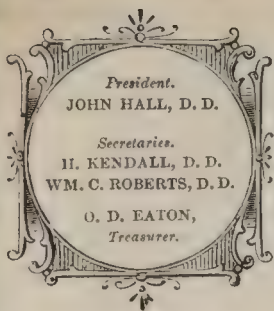
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Many thanks for large  
roll of miscellaneous papers  
received some time since.

Very truly Yours

W. B. Robe





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Caines, Chilcat Country

June 12, 1883 -

My dear Mrs. Winsor (A. A. C.)

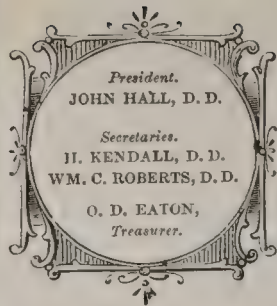
Long ago I wished to write you & could not - now a long time I ought to have written you & have not wished to do so, because my heart is so sick - because the joy seems all gone out of my service - because I feel too weak to hold on to the one I thought that I saw in Christ - that man. And that makes dreary of even that, for which before I could not cease to give thanks to God.

No fear of savages - no isolation - no physical suffering - hunger or thirst had power to daunt us - but all our friends are breaking our hearts. I am discouraged, what I thought I never should be driven to say in this world. I go on with my work, but I think I shall faint at every step.

June 12 - The steamer is in & I can but hastily tell you that we had a short visit from the Hill Synodical Missionary. Through him we had our first word from the Board in regard to a home.

He gave us to understand that good Dr. Jackson & Mrs. Haines were in disfavor with that body because they had done so much for Alaska (on the other hand they have been blamed for not doing enough).

He also informed us that he was to build homes at Chilcat, Wrangell & Hydah - those at the latter places were to be similar to those at Sitka, but ours was to be of logs, to cost \$600. & to be of these dimensions & that we  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} 20 \times 20 \\ 20 \times 20 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$  must divide & partition the interior as we found necessary. There must be dormitories for both boys & girls - rooms for Mother & Teacher, storerooms - work room - sitting room - kitchen, dining room & school room. If I can that he regards every cent of money given for missions as a consecrated fund, & out of the more than



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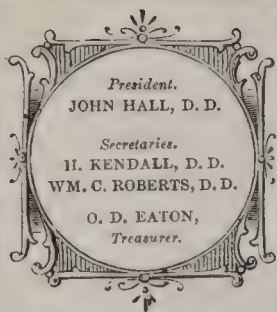
\$2000 given for a Child's Home in response to my call for help, we are to be allowed \$600 & that as a gift - an order to build a house for the Board, & the place where the work is done, we may send in a requisition to the Board for the money. We are also ordered to fence in 1640 acres of land for the mission without lumber or money. We told him that we could do nothing without money in hand & insisted upon having it.

He & the Board entirely ignore the fact that our money has been sent them for up. or for the Home - Mr. Willard told him that even such a building as he proposed, could not be put up in this country for that sum.

He said it could & should be done. We do not even have our salaries to work on. Miss Matthews has been out almost a year & has not received one penny nor even a letter from the Board who claim her for a servant. And we are expected to do this work & carry on the Home unaided, in addition to our constant work with the people, teaching, preaching, travelling among the different villages each month, doing all our own house work &c. I write my fatherly letter 2 times a week. Mr. Hill, our pope makes his summer tour on a fine steamer, playing cards & gaining for himself the name of a "whiskey burner". After much talk, he very generously left a check on his own account for \$150 to pay for 62 1/4 logs. He will send us lumber after the other 3000 logs are furnished from Hordale if they get the saw mill started. That will probably be next summer.

In the mean time the land which should be under cultivation is lying waste. - The children are growing up & going to destruction. The country getting up with ticks. Four of our best girls have gone to Philadelphia. They were aged only from 16 to 18 years. Their mother had begged me to take them. + + + I asked Mr. Hill "Why if the Board intended building a ~~large~~ Home, they did not let us know". He answered "Simply because they wish to express their disapprobation of the way





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in which Alaska matters have been managed - there has been too much sensationalism which has caused a reaction in the Church & has found expression in the Board - "They receive every statement with regard to Alaska with suspicion" ~~They took~~ + + + They took ground which the miners themselves would not take - they all say it is true. It is so weak that when missionaries for the sake of truth & right dare the malice of evil men & incur their anger, the tramps upon the offender harder than ~~them~~ all - and loses their respect.

He has by his intercourse with his fellow passengers caused his profession to be a reproach to us all. I feel as though I could not go on. There are complications which I cannot make you understand. I do not regain the strength which we hoped for by a return to our own dear home. - a very serious heart-trouble has developed rapidly since my baby's birth, from which I suffer constantly. I shall never be well until I go to the long home, where the wicked cease from troubling & the weary are at rest. And I am perhaps not to see the Home after all. Well, the Lord's will be done - it will be love & wisdom. + + +

most sincerely yours

Carrie M. Willard.





...to, with the 'Adalines', to get it.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Co. has  
been very unfortunate this Spring. First  
the old 'California' - lately called the  
'Eureka' - on which we came up from  
Port Townsend - was wrecked in Peril  
Strait. It was laden with lumber & other  
freight for our canneries, struck a rock  
& went down. Tho' the crew was saved,  
& the vessel with its loading has since  
been recovered & the debris. Shortly  
after this accident another vessel called  
'the Tracker' sailed for Skidegate with  
much freight & many miners. In the  
bitter weather.

- Strait, at night & thick fog, it was going.  
She was at once headed for the shore,  
and before they could react it the tiller  
ropes were burned & the great ship was  
at the mercy of the wild waves &  
a whirling current. Even some  
were down. - only two or three were  
seen to escape to tell the tale.

of those lost there.

130 China men for Cape Town Cannery.

I think 60 minutes & the crew. Many were burned alive in the hold, as, in the opening of the fire, the hatch ways were shut down from above to stop the draft. It was fearful.

We have now two towns in white tents. The cannery employ several hundred white men. and most of our people are over there. Bro. Bessie continues her school. - on Sabbath the services are well attended. The people coming over for them. We are so thankful that Christian work & control the cannery on our side the river. Rev. Mr. Bushnell, of the Cumberland Pres. Church is superintendent. The prospector who is his cousin. Mr. B. is here for a vacation & such as he has had a severe illness. His only son, a bright boy of about Clara's age, is with him for the summer. This comes over to church.



They intend establishing a store also.  
& perhaps thro' the winter it will be  
kept in the upper village of Louis  
Paul our teacher - he is acting interpreter  
for this company now & Tillis his wife  
is carrying on the school alone until  
next month when we expect her down.  
We had intended having no vacation  
for the school term. but as we are rather  
cramped for room in our own little  
house and it is necessary that we should  
have Tillis in our care for a while. we  
are going to fix the little school house  
up for her & room. when we can keep  
her quiet - she will see her at any time, for  
you know it is not a far place from our  
door. We have been obliged to take two  
other children into our family - a boy  
of 13 - whose mother died when he was  
a baby. He is to <sup>be</sup> chief of the Town, &  
succeed Glanville & his work, a real  
volunteering, mischievous boy. His father who  
idolizes his only child has begged us  
ever since we first came to visit

first to take Ned & make him  
 a good man. You never saw a man  
 so delighted when we did take him after  
 our return from Sitka. Almost every  
 time he comes into the house it is with  
 expressions of gratitude that at last  
 his boy is learning to be a good & wise  
 man. He says "a long time his heart  
 was only sick - but now all time  
 glad because of Ned". Then the  
 girl Ann is 16. Her mother died when  
 she was a baby, & her Father old,  
 childish & almost blind took for  
 his second wife the daughter of a former  
 husband of his first wife, so Ann's step  
 mother is her half sister. She came to  
 me a year ago last winter & with tears  
 asked me to take her in - saying that  
 she wanted so much to be good, and  
 that in that Indian house she could  
 not be. That when she would try to  
 go, before going to sleep, her sister-

step-mother would poke her up saying  
that she knew she was only asking God  
to kill her. &c. It was impossible for  
us to take her at that time & so I  
counselled her to be patient, that perhaps  
God meant her to lead her people to  
him - and that after while He would  
open the way to a different life for her.  
She was afterwards tempted to lead an  
evil life - being told when the miners  
came that she was a great fool for  
going to school & studying when she  
might make money so easily. Her  
reply was that she had learned too  
much of God's good word to willingly  
do wrong now. This spring when her  
people went to the winter encampment,  
she did not want to go but she did  
not then ask us again to take her.  
But after a few days she came  
out saying that she had seen so  
much evil she was afraid. She wanted



is so good - wouldn't we let her stay  
with us. Of course we could not  
refuse - She & Fanny have one end  
of our spare room. I will just tell  
you that altho' we have had complaints  
from several Societies who say they have  
been supporting children - \$100. per  
month - for 2 years in our Home &  
think might expect to hear something  
of the children - we are not allowed  
anything for them - until the Home  
is built - when that will be  
do not know - we have had a  
most insulting visit from the  
Rev. R. W. Hill. Synodical Missionary  
who informed us that we were to  
put up a toy house for \$600. - when  
the work was done we could send a  
a requisition to the Board for that  
amount. They are also to erect buildings  
(similar to the large fine one at  
Selkirk) at both Wrayell & Lyden.

If they got the Hyaluk saw mill in  
running - after the lumber was furnished  
for the two large buildings to H. & W.  
They would send us some for our  
little ones. We were also ordered to  
James is (without money) 640 acres  
of land for the Mission. This in  
addition to the constant & arduous  
work among the villages while the  
other missionaries are having a vacation.  
Bessie has had neither a letter nor  
a penny from the Board since  
coming out last Sept. & was left  
left in debt & had to use the \$100.  
you so kindly sent us to help pay our  
way home on the steamer. But I will  
not distress you with these things. We  
have a beautiful home, plenty to do &  
plenty to eat. The richest ore yet  
found in Alaska is reported to have  
<sup>been</sup> found on our side of the mountain.  
Just up the Inlet a little ways.  
They say Haines is to be the place -  
& James & Co. are already started.

Jl. I should have told you  
 that Mr. Hill gave us to understand  
 that Dr. Jackson & Mrs. Haines were  
 both in disgrace with the Board on  
 account of their interest in Alaska.  
 & that their course in regard to our  
 mission was intended as a punishment  
 to me. as an expression of the Board's  
 disapprobation of sensationalism.  
 The sensations as far as I am con-  
 cerned have run of their own getting  
 up. much to my past & present  
 sorrow. You may expect to see  
 some more of them in the Evangel-  
 ical relating to "The Land of the Sun-  
 down Sea"! by Rev. R. W. H. at  
 \$10.00 per column.

I am so thankful that you are  
 getting straightened up some in  
 business matters. and, I do hope  
 your little bit of your dear  
 lines may be full of rest & peace.



What do Crawford & Rosie call the  
dear little new baby? How I should  
love to see it - and all the rest of  
your dear, precious faces. I wonder  
if I ever shall <sup>see</sup> in this world! The  
longing often comes over me with  
sickening intensity. But may God's  
good will be done - it will be well  
it will be best - it will be love.

Perhaps I ought to tell you that very  
often lately I feel as tho' my work were  
almost done. For a good while before  
Fred was born, I suffered greatly with  
an affection of the heart. At his birth  
it was strained - the valve injured.  
When the word came about dear little  
Addie it almost ~~lost~~ <sup>cost</sup> my life, tho'  
I do thank God that she is safely  
home. I have suffered almost  
constantly <sup>since</sup> then - so many things have  
happened - and lately it is a good deal  
worse. "You" must not be troubled

of them now. and how could <sup>any</sup> ~~the~~ stars  
with out me? At the same time I  
scarcely know how to get on with my  
work - wh Lord, must guide us.

We do not yet know whether Father  
Willard can come this summer or  
not. Marcia is to be married next  
month and he can not leave until after  
that event at any rate. The little  
ones are well. God is doing ex-  
tra on his new food. Of our meat, grammar &  
condensed milk, &c. he loves ~~potatoes~~  
potatoes as well as his Papa does. I got  
out the little baby pictures of myself  
today & was surprised to find how  
much like only - it is. His hair is golden  
red & so curly that he cries sometimes  
when I brush it out.

And now dear dear ones all -  
much till from Good bye & good night.  
most tenderly & lovingly from your  
children all in Alaska, ~~there~~.

Samie.

# Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions,

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Rev Dr. Jackson - June 14/83  
My dear Sir,

I ought perhaps to tell you that I am in possession of your letter to Mrs. White of May 23 - I that I am using <sup>efforts</sup> ~~my~~ to urge the B. & L. Co. to hurry on the entire flood collected for that Willard boat. I told Dr. Roberts I had the letter from you but had not written to you or consulted you that you might in no way be embarrassed by my conduct. Still, I feel now that you ought to know I am pushing the matter with what success remains to be seen. But I am sure I better not write more to you



at present — but I shall only  
hope that all may work  
right in the comfort of our  
far-off friends.

Very truly  
Wm. P. Bryan.

Fort Wrangell Alaska  
June 14<sup>th</sup>  
" 83

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Your short note of May  
13<sup>th</sup> is received. And you  
are all home again from  
the Assembly. I've don't  
even know who the Moder-  
ator was yet. Of course  
you have seen the Young  
before this time. I am  
anxious to hear from  
you again soon. There  
are many things I  
want to hear about.  
Some things I feel con-  
siderably troubled about.  
But hope all things

will come out all right.  
These changes may all  
be for the best when  
they get into evening order.  
But it is going to be hard  
to get it all started, I think  
when I think of the chan-  
ge about the boys home.  
& must say I am sorry  
in many respects. Mr  
Hall was here such a  
short time that we did  
not hear much from  
him. But he will be  
back before long now.  
These Blank list are  
going to have me a  
deal of trouble after  
we once get rightly into  
it. But I do not feel par-  
ticularly happy over the  
prospect of our home.  
not being ready to go into



before next Summer.  
I cannot tell you how  
much I dread staying  
in this house through  
the winter. It will be  
dreadfully trying. It will  
be a great relief to me if  
we can get those addi-  
tional buildings you speak  
of. But, <sup>could</sup> you not have gotten  
the Carpenter Shop to?  
When will there be any  
official notice of this thing.  
Mr. Lucas told me he  
had received a letter by  
the May Steamer from  
his lawyer saying his  
claim was all right,  
& that the matter would  
now be finally settled.  
I depend on you to write  
me confidentially all about  
everything - Changes of

all kinds &c. &c.

There was no excursion  
this steamer as was  
expected. Neither did  
Mr Mackenzie & family  
of San Francisco come  
as Mr Young had  
arranged for them to  
do. We were much dis-  
appointed not to receive  
any boxes by this steamer.  
It seems to take them  
a long time to reach us.  
Dr. & Mrs M Farland have  
gone to housekeeping. Across  
the Garrison where the  
Vanderbilts used to live.  
We were so crowded  
it seemed better that  
they should do so.  
Love to Mrs J. & the girls.  
Yours sincerely  
A. B. M Farland.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION,

NO. 1334 CHESTNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, June 15 1883.

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

My dear Brother

We will publish "Life in  
Alaska" (I drop "Mission" from the title  
on the ms.) with pleasure, believing it  
adapted to awaken interest in mission  
work and to do good - Should some-  
thing be paid to Mrs. Eva Mc Clintock for labor  
in putting the letters in shape for publication?

Yours  
Chas. W. Doolles.



# Sheldon Jackson Institute.

An Industrial Training School for Indian Children.

ALONZO E. AUSTIN, Principal,  
Mrs. A. E. AUSTIN, Teachers.  
Miss O. AUSTIN.

Sitka, Alaska, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1883

Dear William Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother.  
Your letter came yesterday & contents noted. Brother Hall called on us, some days ago, came by the steamer (I think St. Ives) which we saw on so, went through the Rapids etc. He says your ship was the next steamer if we ever reach there in time. Got me some blank requests to fill out for supplies, requesting you to send confidential to mine for the Board, Home for himself.

If I remember right, I enclosed a skin & pictures to you the first week, also William paid for one lot of materials, the last bill she sent to Mrs. Davis.

The Governor's Commission reports that there will be a crowd in next steamer. Are sorry that the boys will not get their winter suits, until the day after the fair.

Have part of the spading done in the rear of the house. Would have a fence in front, but had to give up our effort because to cost the life.

Have over me however set of the fence up in front of the house, will have to wait until we can get logs & have lumber sawed, something to go on top of the fence.



I have made a wide walk from front door to the road & filled it with gravel from the beach, plank on the sides.

I have built five out-houses in the woods back of the house. Will build another for the boys on the other side of the Davis road.

I have filled up requisitions for supplies etc. I have made very little allowance for new pupils in it. Should we take them, so I hope the Board will see the need of filling it as it stands. They must be sure to provide money for paying freight.

We have seventy Russian children attending school with a prospect of more after vacation.

If the weather permits we shall finish the front & ends of the house before the steamer comes again.

I have to teach in the school from 9 till until 12 1/2 PM, as it is impossible for Linné to get through with all the classes & do them justice.

Mrs. Foster has paintings in the school room & dormitories & the halls in good order. We have seven girls, & she has been making overcoats for the boys at present. These seem to be no end to the work, but I have one month more, we will make some things shine around the house.

With much love to all our friends at -23- from all the Missions at "The Jackson Institute", I love & remain your brother in Christian love,

H. E. Foster

More love to you please.

L. L. Whangell June 18<sup>th</sup> 11

Dr. Jackson

Dear Bro,

Glad indeed, was  
I to receive the Check. (12<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>)  
Much obliged — I was needing  
the money badly. We send  
by this mail, our last quarterly  
reports for the year ending  
June 1<sup>st</sup>. Would you please  
see that the checks are sent  
promptly? Have we  
recom<sup>m</sup>ensioned I would  
like 6. Blanks sent as I  
have been obliged to borrow.  
We were surprised & glad to  
see Mr Hill, but we had very  
little talk with him as the  
boat came in the night, <sup>time</sup>  
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We wished it had been you



L. H. Warrington June 18<sup>th</sup> 11

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where Dr. & Mrs. K — were —  
 So it was ~~prop~~ going out  
 & coming in, And we got tired  
 of it, As Dr had to have  
 an office, I would go with  
 him, and I know we can  
 pay rent & keep house as  
 cheap as we can board.

Mr Youngs old house <sup>opposite</sup> ~~so we rented it~~  
 was the only one vacant — We  
 feel like a newly married  
 couple around our little table  
 would be glad to have Mrs  
 J — and ~~visit~~ us — Most  
 all our furniture is borrowed.  
 but we can add a little more  
 of the same kind if you honor  
 us with a visit I will welcome  
 our vacation — Will close with an  
 examination part of this month  
 Tell Mrs J. I am going to  
 write her one of these days

have something funny to  
tell her. The white men  
have told the Indians that  
Mr Young is not coming  
back, and they are very  
much exercised. Will we  
"well see what we will see" as  
Dr Kendall used to say—

Love to Mrs J. & children

Yours As ever

Maggie D. McFarland

Dr. joins me in love to you



Newcastle June 18 1883.

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

Your welcome letter was rec'd today. It was a relief to know the trouble seems to be over. After receipt of your letter in reference to the difficulty, in getting the money, I wrote to Edinburgh and Monmouth, and saw Mr. Green, pastor of the Polaski Church all of whom, I believe, wrote to the Board. Fearing I might again involve you in trouble, I asked them to mention no names.

I received a copy of the letter written to Edinburgh by Sam Boyd, in Mrs Boyd's absence, which, gave no satisfaction, but had a very unkind ring and

They were encountering ~~new~~  
new trials and it did seem  
providential they had obtained  
a boat and could be independ-  
ent. Will order the letter sent to you  
Mrs. M. Blinlock wishes me to say  
she regrets very much the loss  
of your visit, and would be very  
glad to see you in her father's  
home, in which we heartily join  
with her.

We have had (last week) a very in-  
teresting Mrs. Missionary Meeting.  
Great interest was manifest in  
Home Missions, Alaska having  
a good share. The president had  
requested me to prepare a paper  
on Medical Missions after the  
reading of which a vote was passed  
to raise money in this Mrs. to educate  
a female physician, which no

asked to be informed "who had  
given them the information, and  
that the cause of Missions would  
be promoted by letting them know"  
I presume they were not informed.  
Your letters, and all others, were  
sent to Mrs Bryan, and she  
has made good use of them.  
In reference to the book, would  
say, after receiving your request  
to aid in securing its publication  
I spoke to Mrs Perkins and wrote  
to several others, asking them  
to send on their opinion and  
wishes in regard to it, which  
no doubt was done. In conver-  
sation with others, since, I have  
been led to believe it will be a  
success.

From a letter, rec'd a short time  
since, by my son, from his  
sister, Mrs Willard, we learned



New Castle June 18. 1883.

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Rev B. Jackson. June 19/83.

Thanks for  
your last. It relieved my  
mind as from something  
Mrs White said I feared  
I had done wrong to mention  
your name. And yet I'd  
not-honestly do any thing else.

But I wrote now to  
say that the Rev Mr Marks  
of San Juan has just been  
here & says they have beauti-  
ful little Steam Launches at  
Vancouver & Puget Sound that  
a boy can manage for  
\$500. He saw one on the  
Anderson lately for that price.  
Had you not better look  
into this. Mr Marks say they  
easily hold 10 or 12 people.

Do see about it - Mr W.  
said they can be bought  
out - there. The fuel is a  
very small item.  
Perhaps its too late - but  
it is well to know.

Mr W. is very interesting  
& we hope to have him  
tell his story at our meeting  
Thursday.

Yrs very truly  
Wm P. Bryan.

Will you send me a map of  
Alaska - paper bound c. its cost.

Will you also have sent to me  
a paper bound copy of For  
Miss Rep - I have Home Rep.  
Let them make price & I will  
remit you for Map & Rep.



Ans

He seems to have some sudden instructions to make a special examination of the schools, and from what little I heard I infer that his object is to draw the errors shown from the Descriptive Science book and to be standardized. With me, the present period only with our lack of objects pictures, and such books as would be helpful, and as he considered it essential to the successful teaching of such subjects.

Thompson has been in I think it understands in some  
manner of the present management of the school. The  
Board and Government, and the employment  
of our teachers. He will probably see his  
articles in the paper and have better means of  
judging than I have. I take him to be an im-  
partial, & disinterested. Should he turn out to be  
a traitor you can judge what his object is.

Our next agent was here a few weeks ago. He can  
talk but little English, and brought an interpreter.  
He is a man of some power. He persuaded great friends  
of the school among the Indians to intrust  
it, told them in council that it was only for school  
instruction, and I know not what not, for it  
was only in part understood into English.

The latter was reporting, that he thought we  
had done as well as could have been done  
under the circumstances, that he would  
so report to department and that he  
would do what he could to further  
the interests of the school.

A straw or two since seems to indicate  
a slight change in the wind.

The 25 cent piece distributed through  
New York has not reached us.

I have not yet completed arrange-  
ments for repairing or rebuilding the  
mission house. Can get a house-  
keeper & help, but at higher  
prices. An interesting word soon  
from another at St. Johns, Arizona  
I still think we can have the building  
ready to occupy this fall.

Whether repaired where it stands or  
rebuild on a new site it will be nec-  
essary to level down the sand bank  
that has accumulated on the west.  
If this is done and a wire fence raised  
I think it will not pile up again, but  
with a close fence it would soon  
be as bad as ever. So also if the bank  
is not leveled down. It has about 100 yards  
of terrible sand at various places, and  
the pile was considerably increased.

The school is not quite so full this month as  
usual. Will probably average from 20 to 30



Although we cannot boast great things this year yet there I compare the condition of the school now with what it was at the beginning of the year. I see a wide difference and grounds for encouragement. I think things will be in good shape for accomplishing much more next year. Our work has been slow and with many discouragements, but I trust there is a future harvest here for some time to come. I am somewhat of the opinion that the enemy is plotting against us and that it will require an effort to hold these pueblos & for more faith and love and zeal and wisdom.

Your fellow laborer in the cause,

James H. Wilson.







[illegible]



There is much to be said  
in the natural life of the  
poet. The human mind  
is a vast world of  
thoughts and feelings  
which the poet must  
express in his  
poetry.

There has been a great  
deal of talk about the  
poet's mind being a  
vast world of thoughts  
and feelings which the  
poet must express in his  
poetry. But the poet's  
mind is not a vast world  
of thoughts and feelings.  
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Washington, D. C.

June 23<sup>d</sup> 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Brother,

The Young  
Ladies Society of our Church called  
"Earnest Workers", have asked me to  
send a contribution to Mrs. Hall  
in New Mexico. Will you kindly  
give me her P. O. address, and also say  
whether she can readily get a draft  
cash<sup>d</sup> on New York. - The young  
ladies have also appropriated \$50. to  
buy books and stationery for a young  
man's school up in Alaska. (The  
name I will give after I get home.)

They wish me to ask you  
whether it will be best to send him  
a draft, or whether it will be better  
to send it to you for the purchase  
of the articles in N. Y. to be forwarded  
to him. If the latter what will be  
the cost of sending? — They desire to  
so send, as to have the money do  
the most good. — Hope young  
and family are well and that the  
cause of Home Missions is prospering  
as never before. — Our boy has got  
thru' at Frampton and is up in  
Sanitaga too, for the warm season.  
Mrs. S. joins me in kindest regards  
to yourself and family.

Sincerely

J. B. Sweetman



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Summit, N.J.

June, 25, 1883

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir,

Our  
Mission Band desire  
to send the enclosed  
amount to Sitka  
Alaska to assist them  
in furnishing their  
new Home. Ninety five  
dollars of this sum we  
have just made at a

festival we held ten days  
ago in the grove which  
adjoins our church. Five  
dollars of this sum is a  
contribution from a friend  
in Orange and the other  
five dollars comes from  
our weekly dues of two  
cents which each of the  
members pay.

Will you kindly see  
that this money is  
appropriated for the  
purpose above mentioned  
and oblige yours  
very truly

Wm John G. Porter



Robert Clarke

July 21 1883

Dear Mother,

During the last  
of the week after the visit of Mr.  
a number of persons in order for  
a more of quietude & then we have  
been to the house & have been  
very happy & comfortable. The  
in the house & with the children  
the morning, but the night & the  
day we are very happy.

20. R. H. Hill is here for the purpose of  
putting on a show of the new  
the house & the new house  
the house.



ack

William H. B.  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1883

Mr Jackson

Dear Sir

It gives me  
great pleasure to receive  
in your letter the summary  
of my son's conduct while  
under your charge & for your  
very sincere friendship.  
It is again very gratifying  
to me to hear of a letter  
in your good words in  
which, by enclosing a  
check for eight dollars.

right to the presence of  
a collection of friends in  
the form of "The South"  
Sabbath evening, after the  
return of some half a dozen  
Ladies & myself, from listening  
with interest & sympathy  
to the account of the  
mission in Florida. We  
sent this little offering,  
with our prayers and  
our sympathy.

Respectfully  
Emma W. Goss

P.S. My last notice to Miss  
Davis, a Miss Davis, &



called at the "Clinton  
House" but a few minutes  
after you left, we were  
informed that you had  
not heard the morning paper  
personally and that you  
were deeply indebted to  
us for the paper. We then  
discussed the  
E. H. C.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION,

NO. 1334 CHESTNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, ..... July 3<sup>d</sup> ..... 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson. D.D

My dear Brother

We shall want to put a  
space of three or four months  
between the two Alaska books.  
Hence I shall not begin to stereo-  
type the second for a month or so.

We will send proofs to you as  
you request -

Yours sincerely

John B. Diller.

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First Anniversary Church  
1878-1879  
Concord, N.H.

7<sup>th</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / 1883.

My Dear Dr. Jackson:

At our Monthly Meeting of Session last ev'g. we decided to commemorate our (5<sup>th</sup>) Fifth Anniversary with appropriate exercises.

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> (Sund.) 1878 - You, Father L. Hamilton & Rev. W. L. Janeway organized this Church.

On Sund. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> this year we hope to celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniver.

Now it is the desire of all - & so in

Instructed by our profession I  
write — to have you pre-  
sent on that occasion, if  
possible any way.

I have just written bro.  
Janeway, Williamstown N.J.  
urging him to be with us  
also. Can you not bring  
him with you? Hope he  
can be "passed" to the Rocky  
Mountains. 5 years in  
Leadville equal 25 to 40 years  
in the quiet East.

5 of the 12 Charter members  
on the ground yet. Over 200  
on our roll — but 153 reported  
to G. Assen. this year.

Just returned last week  
from the East. Am very busy.  
Kindest to you & yours.  
Let me hear from you  
at once — & oblige.

Hoping you give me an  
affirmative reply — I am  
Yours faithfully,  
H. J. Hawley.

Have had privilege of being here 2 of the 5 years of presence.



Aus

Bryn Mawr.

July 4/83

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear Doctor:-

I must

apologize for not having written  
sooner to thank you for your  
missionary services to my people  
a while ago - They were so  
effective that some have said  
they were glad I was not  
here - as I would not have

certainly have gone as a  
missionary to Alaska!

Really, many of the people seem  
to have been very deeply im-  
pressed, & even of those not  
zealous in missionary work

I am very sorry I was not  
here, & that there was such  
an unfortunate "hit" about  
the Collection. The fact  
is, I never anticipated the  
possibility of not being here  
with you, & that I was

so put out by the rising  
of the rivers. I had written  
home with regard to the Collec-  
tion, but my letter was too  
late in its arrival. — As  
I find that not even your  
travelling expenses were paid,  
— through similar misunder-  
standing — I send you  
the ordinary sum given to  
our pulpit supplies, which  
I should have done before.

you at the time - — Won't  
you please forgive all our  
faults & failures towards you,  
& not harbor against us  
such a spirit as would  
prevent your coming to us again.  
I love the Indians more than

ever! — Ever truly yours  
W. H. Miller

~~P.S. My sister says you spoke of coming  
back that our officers in taking  
care of you - that you had no other  
purpose!~~



Haines. Chilkat-Country. Alaska.

Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>  
1883.

Dr Jackson.

Dear Friends.

I did not care  
to write to you till I should reach  
my own home and work.

and I have put it off from  
one month to another. as it  
seemed that either Mr or Mrs  
Willard were writing to you.  
and I thought we would not  
all write at once.

I did not know that they  
required anything beyond the  
same items which you had.  
only with the addition of my  
fare to this place from Sitka.  
but I will try to fix and send

the account. I did not intend to put in my ~~extra~~ extra baggage bill from Fries to Port Townsend. but concluded to do so. and let them throw it out if they chose. I did not put in the meals.

Now what bothers me is the money you gave me to get the carpet. you remember you gave me forty dollars in Fries. does that go into the itemized account of my expenses? I do not know what my fare was from Mounmouth to Council Bluffs. or Omaha. but I will leave a place for that item and send it to John's (My Brother). he got my ticket. and he can find out and fill it in. and then send it on. I do not know that it will be at all satisfactory. but I will do the best I can.

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I am very glad of the \$1100.  
but wish they had made it  
fifty more. as that is just the  
amount I am owing ~~Mr~~ Austin.  
We all lived as one family.  
and our average mess bill was  
\$24. <sup>per month.</sup> and I was obliged to leave  
it unpaid. when I found I  
did not receive any from the  
Board. I wrote to my Brother to  
send me some. but I had not  
then asked Mr A. what it would  
be. and I could not tell him  
how much to send. so he wrote  
asking. but I knew it would be  
too late by the time he could  
send it then. and wrote him  
not to send.

I do not admire the Board at all.  
and their treatment of you. only  
adds another reason to the list  
of dislikes. of course their action.  
or rather non action. in regard  
to the Home. is another. This



Spring and summer's work, will  
amount to very little. for there  
are as few children here. Most  
of them having gone over to the  
two carriers, with their parents.

I can not say that I do not  
like my new home. but I am  
not so hopeful as I was  
when I came. but perhaps the  
people will come back in the  
winter. it seems too bad. here am  
I ready to teach them and they  
are all scattered. learning  
nothing. or worse than nothing.  
I do not know whether I am  
glad that the carriers came.  
though perhaps it may be for the  
good of the country eventually.  
Our pastor wrote to me for a plan of  
the home. number and size of rooms.  
&c. thinks there can something be done  
by our church. they have got into  
the way of working now and he  
thinks they will take hold of it well.  
I thank you for your kindness and  
interest. Sincerely yours Ben L. Matthews.





NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE

Rev. J. Sheldon Jackson D.D.,  
No 23 Centre St,  
New York City

Phil. July 5 1883

Our school has appropriated  
\$100. for farm school  
work in Alaska - Where  
shall I send it?

I am informed you are in  
New Len R

Aug 1. 1883,

J. L. Gayley

Newcastle July 6<sup>th</sup> 1883.

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother.

Yours of -  
was duly rec'd. Pardon delay in  
answering.

After receipt of your letter, I wrote  
to Newmonth and Edenborough  
and forwarded replies to Mrs  
Byam, together with a copy rec'd  
by the Minister in Edenborough  
from Mr Boyd, in reply to  
his request. Expecting Mrs  
B. to return them, and wishing  
to forward to you, I have delayed  
writing. She had forwarded to  
others where she hoped they would  
do good.

We rec'd, <sup>on the 4<sup>th</sup></sup> yesterday, letters from

our children which have made  
our hearts sad. When I learned  
that Rev Hill had gone to Alaska,  
(after reading his letters last sum-  
mer) I hoped all would be well.  
But these letters have changed, not  
only our expectations, but also our  
respect for the man.

Yesterday I visited Mrs Bryan for  
the purpose of laying before her  
the whole matter, and found her  
ready to do her utmost to secure  
the rights of those who have been  
so cruelly wronged. As you have,  
no doubt, been informed in  
reference to it I will not waste  
your time, or my own, by writing.  
If the Board persists in pursuing  
such a course, as we have  
reason to complain of, I fear  
they will greatly cut off the receipts



as well as lessen the confidence of  
the people in themselves.

Almost \$3000 have been placed in  
the Board for the Chileab Home  
and Mrs Haines Mrs Bryan that  
\$1000 had gone by Mr Hill, but  
he confines them to \$600, and  
that to be paid when the Home  
is completed.

Daughters health is critical  
on account of heart trouble  
which must be greatly aggravated  
by their disappointment  
and vexations.

Hoping you will pardon  
for troubling you

I remain as ever

Yours Truly,

A. White

Since writing the foregoing a  
letter has been rec'd from a min-  
ister's wife, saying "I am just too  
indignant at the Board of B. M.'s  
as treating me <sup>away the</sup> like Mrs. Willard.  
I have paid into the Board  
\$175 and now provoked I am  
to think not one dollar has been  
appropriated yet to the object it was  
given for."

She knew (as also did the Board)  
that they had the support of an Indian  
child to bear. This is only an extract  
but will show how the cause is regarded  
A. W.

*C. F. J.*

**The Board of Home Missions**

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

P. O. Box 1938.

23 Centre Street, New York,

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1883

To Hon H. Price

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Hon & Dear Sir

Now that the success of the Experiments at Carlisle & Hampton have demonstrated the wisdom of Industrial Training Schools for Indian Children and now that there is a growing public sentiment to sustain the Govt in increasing their number, as was done last session at Arkansas City, Genoa & Lawrence, the time seems to have come when one should be located at Sitka. Alaska

1<sup>st</sup> Alaska is a country by itself between it & other portions of the United States intervenes 750 miles of British Territory.

From Sitka to Forest Grove is 1500 miles by steamer, & from the Aleutian Isles to Forest Grove by present routes of travel over 2500 - & that by only an occasional trading vessel at irregular intervals

2<sup>nd</sup> - As the resources & Character of Alaska are different from Oregon, so the training needful to fit the people for self-support is different from that received at Forest Grove - F. G. is an inland town in an agricultural district.



On the other hand Alaska has but few Agricultural interests, the main support & wealth of her people bring in her wonderful fish & lumber interests. Their training school needs to be on the coast, where they can be taught navigation & seamanship - the handling of boats & sails - improved methods of fishing & handling of fish nets - a Cooper shop - with the manufacture of barrels & casks in which to pack their fish & a saw mill - Carpenter Shop - Boot & Shoe Shop.

3<sup>rd</sup> - Such a location is Sitka. It is central to the population of Southern Alaska - healthy & easy of access. It is the Capital of the American, as it was formerly of the Russian province. It was the Centre of Russian operations - the headquarters of their Pacific fleet - their ship yard, - the residence of the Greek bishop & the Centre of their Educational operations.

They had there three schools, a Seminary (with the rank of College) & a Theological School for the training of Greek priests.

4<sup>th</sup> - Sitka is the Natural Centre of the largest population & has new & substantial school buildings for the accommodation of 100 pupils. These will be increased next Spring to a capacity of from 150 to 200 pupils with the necessary work shops & machinery.

5<sup>th</sup> - Such a school will be the commencement of a better day for the long neglected people of Alaska.



# The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

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23 Centre Street, New York, .....

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As it becomes known throughout the Country that they are worse off educationally under the Control of the U.S. than when they were under Russian Control, the U.S. failing to continue the Schools established by Russia, there is a combined feeling of Shame & a determination to agitate until something is done. The friends of Education are taking it up & will bring a strong pressure to bear on Congress. It will be a popular, patriotic & humane act for your Department to lead this movement & recommend action to Congress.

6<sup>th</sup> It is a fulfillment of the old adage "An ounce of prevention &c &c" It is not only something the Government should have done years ago as a matter of right but which now in the advance immigration to that distant region, becomes a question of peace or war - A question whether the Native population shall be left as in the past in other sections under the encroachments of the incoming whites to produce a new crop of costly bloody & cruel wars, or whether they shall be so educated, that they will become absorbed into our American Citizenship.

7<sup>th</sup> For the \$167 a pupil, which you offered last season for Industrial Schools

We will take next season (July 1884) 150  
Indian boys & girls at Sitka & give the boys  
under competent ~~instructors~~ Teachers instructions  
in Navigation & Seamanship - improved Methods  
of fishing & preparing fish for Market - improved  
Methods of preparing fish-oil - Cooper Shop with  
the Manufacture of Barrels & Casks. - Saw Mill,  
Carpenter Shop with simple house building  
& furniture making - boot & shoe making, also  
the care & raising of cattle. The girls will be  
taught sewing, cooking, house keeping &c. &c.

To set this movement going, please  
insert in your coming "Estimates" the  
Paragraph

"For the Support & Education  
of 150 Indian Children at the Industrial  
Training School at Sitka Alaska the sum  
of ~~the~~ \$25000.

All of which is respectfully sub-  
mitted

Yours truly  
Sheldon Jackson



Haines July 10 1883  
Rev Sheldon Jackson  
Dear Sir

I have received  
your letter containing the  
Checks for Boat, for Mrs  
Willard Louis & Tillie

The mail was brought  
from Juneau by the N.W. Co  
Launch The Post Master  
did not put it on the large  
mail steamer.

I had intended giving  
you a full description  
of Mr. Hills visit to  
Alaska but concluded  
I had better keep still  
but since receiving your  
letter (and this Mission at Haines  
wouldnt take anything and post

School room was to be, and he took over his little plan a while & said we could use the dining room

Whereupon we changed the subject and after discussing awhile on the way that money had been spent in Alaska, and the sensationalism connected with Alaska matters the author of "The Land of the Sun down Sea" took his departure.

I have now concluded (after reading your letter) to write to the board and find out if Hill's Bay &c and plans are final also find out who is to have charge of the



work. We have taken the same plan and have put in a few changes because a 20 x 20 room can not be divided into rooms that can be used.

There is no place for a school room.

Mr Hillsays the roof is ~~to be~~ made of Shakes. The carpenters & builders have advised me not to put on shakes unless they are lapped like shingles ~~and~~ in that case shingles would be cheaper. Shakes can not be made in this country.

Mr Bushnell had to send to Luman for some because the trees are not

fit to work up. They paid  
\$15-~~00~~ pr thousand and  
freight nearly as heavy  
as from Portland here  
I should advise the board  
to put shingles on

Concerning the logs I  
do not know whether I  
shall be able to buy them  
for 25-¢ or <sup>at the time M. H. May here it would</sup> not. <sup>have been done</sup>  
The M. W. T. Co have been doing  
all sorts of mean tricks  
and have gotten into a  
business fight with Mr  
Kinney. They are therefore  
running each other on  
prices, paying double the  
old price for fish have  
cut down on their own goods  
paying the Indians higher  
all around.

Other Salmon prospectors

are in the country & the  
consequence is that the  
Indians are inflated,  
some what, because they  
don't understand the affair.  
There is no likelihood of  
the things dying out right  
away either. I guess I have  
said enough about the  
home -

We were surprised  
on Sunday to see Louis  
on his way from the Upper  
Village bound for Wrangel.  
He has brought Billie &  
all his goods he says  
he is never going back  
there again. While he  
was working at the Cannery  
Billie was teaching. We  
heard that Shateritch  
had bothered us and

Insulted her so I  
jumped into a canoe and  
went up intending to  
bring her down here  
but when I got ~~there~~. I  
learned from her that  
Louis was going to stay  
at the Upper V. & buy Salmon  
for Mr Kinney and she  
wanted to stay. I came back  
after giving the people  
a talking to thinking every  
thing well. Spulm went  
up in a few days. And  
now Louis tells me that  
he almost had a fight  
with Spulm. Not about  
Salmon. but because Louis  
had left him. & gone to work  
for Mr Kinney He said



also that Spohn had told Shateritch to make it too hot for the Missionaries and Shateritch was doing it

Louis says they would like to do mission work near the Salt water but that he wouldnt go back to that Chilcat village for \$1000.00 a year. He has left Mr Kinney, though can go back when ever he wants to and have a permanent job \$48.00 a month and a promise to increase to 50.00

I am trying to get them to stay here until I can write to the board and have Tillie commencing

for this place. Have her  
take Mrs Dickinsons  
place as the latter is  
not fit to be in the work

Mr Hill to the contrary  
notwith standing. She  
has given us an immense  
amount of trouble. She  
took Fanny away from us  
& when Fanny came back  
crying she told us how  
she got her away. when  
asked, why she said she  
did not want to come back  
when Mr Hill spoke to  
her she said she was  
afraid because Mrs D.  
was right there, all of  
the Indians are afraid  
of her and she takes  
advantage of it to give us  
all the trouble she can

Louis says that if the board will commission Tillie for Haines work he will come back and work for Mr Kinney. Louis received by this last Mail a letter from a Mr Crosby offering him \$60.00 a month and board which may have influenced him some what.

You speak of making out a list of articles needed for the home or spoke to Hill asking <sup>them</sup> ~~we~~ ~~are~~ ~~we~~ to send in our 1<sup>st</sup> requisition he said not until the home is started. We need the things when the home is started or it never can be started. An itemized bill was sent into the board by Louis while I was in.

Sitka Amounting to \$186.82  
which has not been paid.  
I know the board did  
not give any on the  
authority to contract such  
a bill but he could not  
do otherwise ~~the~~ had  
no place to stay. The house  
that the Indians gave  
for the mission they tore  
down they were forced to  
live in a tent for a while  
and in order to do any  
work there they had to build  
a house Mr Hill said that  
it cost too much. I told  
him that he could not  
build it as cheap. he  
has not been up the river  
yet and does not know



that he will have to  
 pay \$5-<sup>00</sup> just to take  
 himself his blankets & his  
 food there and back Louis  
 got the Indians to take  
 some things up for nothing  
 but since then he has had  
 to pay out of his own pocket  
 for those same favors. I  
 have paid some things  
 myself.

Louis has bought about  
 \$20 <sup>00</sup> worth of curios. to my  
 mind he has paid pretty  
 large prices for things but  
 I know he could not get  
 them cheaper. One head  
 gear he said he bought  
 from an old or the  
 Indian took him early in

The Morning La Mountain  
and showed him the box  
in which the affair was  
kept and told Louis  
he could have it for two  
dollars. because he had  
to walk so far and because  
the people must not  
know that he took him  
there the Indian would  
not touch the things. Louis  
said the people used to  
go near where it was kept  
and make certain prayers  
to it. He opened the box  
when several Indians  
were around (in the house  
after returning from the Mt.)  
and said to a woman  
Hare I dont want this old  
thing. They all got out  
and told him to give

it back to the man that  
sold it to him, They wanted  
to know who sold it.

All of the Indians are  
afraid of it. Though I do  
not see any thing different  
from many other ugly  
trinkets It is worth about  
60¢ I should say.

I wrote to Mrs James  
about an "Giminth Compass"  
a Surveyors Compass would  
be far better. and with it  
I can get the time as  
correctly as with the other.

We all unite in sending  
our kindest regards & Christian  
Love.

Your Bro in Christ,  
Eugene S. Willard.



Copy

National Educational Association  
Saraloga Springs, N.Y.

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1883

To the Hon H. M. Teller

Secretary of the Interior.

Hon and Dear Sir,

The National Educational Association, composed of the leading Teachers, Superintendents of Public Instruction, Presidents & Professors in Colleges, and friends of Education in the United States, at their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting held at this place July 9-11<sup>th</sup>, desire to express to you their great regret that since the transfer of Alaska 16 years have been allowed to pass without extending to that Country our School System.

We feel ashamed, as American Citizens, that a large section of our land is worse off educationally than when under the Control of Russia, we having failed to continue the schools that for many years were sustained by the Russian Government.

We learn therefore with great pleasure, that on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Feb 1882, the President transmitted to Congress, a communication from the <sup>Hon</sup> Secretary of the Interior, recommending that an appropriation of \$30,000 be made for the establishment and maintenance of schools in Alaska.

We join in the earnest request of all the better portion of the American people, that you will give this subject your personal thought and include in your "Estimates of Appropriations" for the next Session of Congress, provision



1<sup>st</sup> For an Industrial Training School at Sitka, the Capital, for the Children of the Native population.

2<sup>nd</sup> For a suitable appropriation for the establishment of Schools in Alaska under your direction at such places as may be designated by the U.S. Commissioner of Education

On behalf of the Association

Samuel H. Dickrell

President

H. S. Farwell

Secretary

Newcastle July 12<sup>th</sup>/88.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother,

you  
will pardon delay when I  
tell you writing has to be  
done with one eye, the <sup>other</sup> being  
very painful from ulceration.  
Many thanks for your great  
kindness to me and mine.

I could not feel I was  
doing my duty as a mother,  
or worker in the cause of missions  
and not send in my voice  
against such treatment.

Supposing you had read  
the same news by last mail  
I did not write particulars.  
Went to see Mrs Bryan, the

was confounded on reading  
the letter and wished to  
retain and copy it,

I here wish send a copy of  
a letter to the Board, which,  
after you have read you will  
please deposit in the P O,  
or convey to them as you think  
best. Your letter in reference to a house  
keeper was copied and forwarded  
the same day rec'd. I very much  
fear the excitement and burdens  
imposed have been too much in  
her condition.

Mrs. Ham informed last winter  
of the meeting of the Board in reference  
to the Chilcat Mission and I sent in  
my earnest entreaty for its continu-  
ance. Since so much has been  
done we can only hope and  
pray that God will still watch over  
them. Yours Truly Mrs Jos White.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska  
July 15<sup>th</sup> 1898

Dear Dr. Jackson,

I received  
the letter from your  
son with the money  
from Kansas, & also  
the pictures. For all  
of which I am  
just - but I think you  
might have found time  
to write us a letter.  
We are all very well  
at this time. I hope  
soon to see you.



The children & boys are  
very bad. They are  
about over the shop  
ing-rough. I expect  
a long letter from  
you or from Mr. Ken-  
dall telling about the  
proposed changes  
about the building -  
about these building  
for, or not not a word.  
There we are so dis-  
gusted about Mr. Hill  
not coming back  
here. There are so  
many things I want  
to talk to him about.

So many inquiries I wanted to make  
of him, I feel a good deal discouraged  
about our building. A person came over  
from Hydrabad for the mail, said the  
foundations for the Mill were pretty  
ready. I fear we will have to wait  
a long while for a frame. It is very  
hard to get along as we are now sit-  
uated. I don't speak of this complaining  
as I know you will all do all you  
can for us, but it is hard indeed  
right at I must stop. Very sincerely,  
J. R. May, assisted

# Sheldon Jackson Institute.

An Industrial Training School for Indian Children.

ALONZO E. AUSTIN, Principal.  
Mrs. A. E. AUSTIN, { Teachers.  
Miss O. AUSTIN. }

Sitka, Alaska,

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Dear Mr. [unclear]

came by steamer yesterday. (See via.)  
She did not bring many excursionists  
on account of the recent disasters  
on this coast. Left my freight to  
take care of itself in hold service in  
the afternoon. Quite a number of  
visitors were attracted by the busy  
tones of our bell & were very much  
interested in the service. Showed them  
through the room & they were delighted  
with its appointments. Visited them  
on the steamer to day, & Mrs. Austin  
went through the ranch with them.  
Mrs. Tom was delighted to show them  
her gorgeous new bonnet & large bay  
stole like the one we have in our school  
room. Expected Rev. Mr. Bell, but think  
he did not reach Whittier in time  
for the steamer. Wanted a requisition  
for tickets to him by last steamer.  
We had thirty-three boys & girls in the  
home there & we have thirty since  
now, so that it ought to be increased  
one sixth. We are greatly delighted  
at the prospect of having you appointed  
to take charge of this field, and want  
that our hope may not be turned to  
ashes. Have copied your petition and  
take it down to the Board, since  
it in a few minutes. Give it for  
see it will be received, which we have  
only time to do this morning you send  
us immediately, so that it will be ready



now hundred dollars short of paying the  
bills on your list. The Eureka is expected  
here in a few days & I will forward  
the check by her. We have the house  
painted on the west side & it looks fine.  
Hard to paint between the arches, it  
rains nearly all the time this summer.  
Have graded the ground on the Davis  
road side & covered it with gravel  
from the track. I think we can finish  
the work in rear of the building in  
two days more, we found sedge-  
grass (plenty) stumps & roots to dis-  
out. Mrs. Cousins's eyes are worse,  
she has had too much to do lately.  
Almost close, but will write you  
by next steamer. All mine with  
love in sending much love to you  
& yours. —

Shall I take any more scholars  
into the Home?

Shall I have any lumber sawed  
here, if we have time to get logs?

May God bless you & yours,  
Your brother,

A. K. Smith



**NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSEMBLY, AUGUST 9, 10, 11, 12, 1883.**

(SECOND ANNUAL SESSION, OCEAN GROVE, N. J.)

Conducted by Rev. J. C. HARTZEL, D. D.

**Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association.**

Rev. E. H. STOKES, D. D., President.

Rev. A. E. BALLARD, Vice President.

DAVID H. BROWN, Treasurer.

GEORGE W. EVANS, Secretary.

*Saratoga Springs, N. Y.*

*Ocean Grove, N. J., July 16, 1883.*

*Dear Father:-*

*I would like you if you please to give me about three quarters of an hour on Thursday with your work, at the service to be held Saturday afternoon at the school. Give me the best you have in the shop. It will be on Indian day, and I have commenced the address on being on the Indian of Harkness, you can bring in the latest facts and incidents of that field. Please put your address in writing so I can publish it. I will write you about the work in a few days.*

*Yours Truly,*

*J. C. Hartzel.*

*Sheldon Jackson, D.*

*New York.*

J. C. Hartzell. II.

Map & Convention  
Olean Grove

Haines July 16. 1883  
Dr Jackson  
Dear Bro

I send this letter by the Indian who brought the mail for July. He arrived at Haines in the evening Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

We send the overture to board. I hope you will be appointed we will rejoice in the change.

I have sent to the board a bill (Dated May 14) of expenses on the two Organs. Furniture &c amounting to \$205.07

I have not yet heard from it if next mail

does not bring an  
answer. I will send  
a copy of the former  
letter. In future  
will send all bills  
to Mr Hill for his  
signature.

Mr Bushnell  
writes this morning that  
they have 800 fish that  
is a sign that the run  
has commenced. I  
believe they are able to  
get away with 1200 in  
a day. I have noticed  
the Salmon jumping in  
our bay.

The Indians are  
going in a body to the  
Interior either today or  
tomorrow there is to be a  
big ~~feast~~ feast on some of the



Lakes. Many of the  
people are leaving their  
things with me until  
they return.

Did I ask you  
if you know of any  
books (concerning Alaska)  
Printed by the Government  
that I can obtain?

Please tell me how  
I can find out and  
how I can get them.

When will your  
book be out?

The Mail leaves  
here this evening  
the Indian who  
now has it. wants  
to hold the position  
all the year. he  
can talk English  
and looks like an

honest man.

Kindest regards  
of Christian love from  
us all

Eugene S. Willard.

Fort Wmingle A.T. July 16<sup>th</sup> 1888.  
Rev. Eldon Jackson.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of May 13<sup>th</sup> is received.  
I am always glad to hear  
from you. And of course am  
glad that I am alive, and  
not drowned as reported. I left  
Jackson July 2<sup>nd</sup> as I did not  
like to work with the cart before  
the horse. Mr Hill and Mr McLeod  
sawed it looked very bad for me  
that they could see so little to  
show for what I had done for the  
time that I had been there. They  
did not look for, nor ask about the  
missionary work that I had done.  
for Mr Gould says that I was not  
left there to do missionary work but  
to get out logs. And so they are  
looking for logs, instead of the earning

of souls. Mr. McFarland also  
promised me to hire as boarder  
and to do little jobs around  
the house. I felt hurt after  
earning Mr Gould three hundred  
dollars to send for his sister that  
all the thanks I got was to be  
turned out of school and into the  
woods with wife and saw. and  
that he reported the first Christian  
burial and claims credit of making  
the Indians temperate. They abandoned  
boozing and intemperance even  
before I went there and I want the  
Indians to have a little credit.

Every thing goes to belittle me and  
to build up the Gould family. The  
Indians are very sorry that you  
drop me and take up a delate  
hog. You know that you have  
treated me very far from right.  
after requesting me to set the other  
Mission as example. They are



all ready to murder me, because  
because an ignoramus like  
me could do so well in  
Missionary work. Indeed I was  
very much disappointed  
after relying myself for you at  
Litcha that you should go home  
and attempt to reduce my salary.  
had I have known your intention  
I should not have offered it to you.  
The least that you can do now  
is to return it. It is no excuse  
at all that the Board wants to  
make the money so far, for if  
they did why could they not  
have kept the Gould family at  
home for at least another year  
and until my Commission  
expired, or until I failed to do  
all that could be done. I feel  
sadly imposed upon, and if  
there is any reduction of salary to  
be made let them stand it - who

have already reflect me of my  
money and haines. I am tired  
of this kind of civilization, and  
if the Lord is willing am going  
still further towards the North  
Pole. I have started for Juneau  
but am going to Puget Sound first  
to make up my outfit and find  
a suitable company. I want to  
support myself and to do  
Christian work, and to be found  
ever low, low, at the feet of the  
Cross. Give the Spirit to say  
Lord remember me. I have  
sent my last report, and will  
which is considerable easier  
than will be proving that  
we not accepted. Please remember  
me soon as possible at Portland.  
Your Brother in Christ. H. Chapman. Oregon.

Homer, Ct. York,  
July 19<sup>th</sup> 83.

My dear D. Jackson,  
A letter from Dr.  
Hartwell says you speak  
last, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 11.00,  
before the last discussion,  
& I feel sure he'll give  
you 30 minutes, as I've  
suggested, & I hope your  
topic will be "Results of  
missions among Indians"  
or some such before you  
have had that, & facts are

that point are deeply needed.  
Also Dr. Hitzel wishes your  
paper to print in the plain-  
-faded of that day's work, &  
facts in your possession. We  
shall suppose will be of great  
& lasting use to us, will we  
I need not say. My talk  
comes last in the morning,  
before the discussion then, I  
hope to know something of  
the real of mission among  
nations & shall be obliged, if  
you have any light on that,  
for the work of it. You follow  
Miss Hitzel, (I've heard her is  
unitarian) so you'll have the  
final picture of hope in real,  
Christian, evangelical work for  
God, & I am thankful you  
have it. I go now to

Grand Hotel,  
Point Chaumonia,  
N. York, till the  
7<sup>th</sup> of Aug. Yours very truly,  
A. A. Tuckman.



Hampton A<sup>g</sup> Institute

Virginia July 19/1883

My Dear Rev Sheldon Jackson

I am going write to you  
this afternoon it seemed to me  
that it has been very long time  
since you have return home again  
and I thought perhaps you would  
like to know about your pin a  
children it is are all well and  
we are getting on nicely and it  
is very pleasant morning and  
I have been to school and I just  
come back from school and  
I thought I would like to write  
to you a letter and I am very  
happy to say that we all ~~rejoice~~  
this year because this is my last  
Summer and I suppose I shall  
be home within next Summer

but I am afraid that my  
people would think about me  
too much coming some time my  
thought got change and  
I think of my self that I  
would stay two years more  
but I am very lonesome some  
time than I like to go home to  
see my people again I can  
say that how glad I was  
to see you and after you went  
home it make me very sad  
because I was so glad to see  
you and I thought - you  
would stay little longer than  
that and I think I am very  
lonesome and homesick I  
have been <sup>never</sup> ~~so~~ lonesome.  
never lonesome ~~so~~ since  
I been here but now I think  
I am sad because Francisco



has been sick over three months  
and now she getting worse  
than she used but perhaps  
she get well sometime but it  
make me very sad because  
when she used well. I and her  
are such good friends together  
and always have good time  
together and now she is sick  
and looks weary and worse  
than she used to before and  
she send very much best love  
to you and Mrs Jackson  
she say that she hope she may  
get better soon and I am  
very happy to tell you that  
I have been baptised and  
all my teachers are very happy  
to have me be baptised and  
I think I am going to try very  
hard to learn about Our Dear  
Christ and I think I give up my

self to be <sup>his</sup> child and I would  
like very <sup>much</sup> to send you my  
picture but I am sorry that  
I have no money to spend  
and take my picture but I  
did not have any money in  
my name Francisco Rio wish  
to see you very much indeed  
and I am very well that I did  
all this winter but I am very  
lonesome without my parents  
now but when so ever I lonesome  
I have always think about  
how how Jesus did come down  
from his beautiful home 33  
years pass away from  
beautiful home and so He  
stay <sup>long</sup> while and so I love  
to think about Christ and



some time I come to Him and  
speak to Him ask Him to  
come near me and teach me  
something good news that  
I never know before and so  
I love to think of Him &  
I know that I am not  
always doing right I  
love Him since I know  
about Him when so ever  
I have do wrong thing  
I alway be sorry and ask  
Him to forgive me all those  
wrong <sup>thing</sup> which I have doing  
and I think its nearer time  
for supper remember me very  
kindly to all you children  
perhaps I well send my picture  
to you If I can get any money  
I havent money just now  
Dear me I wish very much  
to <sup>see</sup> you and Mrs Jackson

but I send very much  
Sincerely love and kiss to  
you both Our heavenly Father  
may with you all or may  
with us all and I am going  
to ask you that if you know  
any thing about Mr. Armstrong  
that men he used my teacher  
and he used to live in Arizona  
I wonder where he is sometime  
I receive very pleasant letters  
from Mr Cook I think he is  
very nice kind men Good  
bye Good bye Dear  
I must close now from  
you loving Child

Melissie M. Inez  
Write soon please Papa



ack  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1883.

Rev. William Jackson L.D.

Dear Sir,

Your letter has been received  
Some time since, I have been busy for the  
past month, I have preached but have been able  
to do no other work. I am now better than I was  
I expected to answer your letter. Our Presby. met  
in April in our new church in Albuquerque  
and we had a grand meeting. We are  
going to have a called meeting soon.  
Bro. McGaughey is now stated clerk. I have  
had a letter from him today, he says we must  
have a meeting soon. When are you coming?  
we might have Presby. meet here about that  
time. If not we can meet & do whatever business  
is to be done, but we would like to see you  
for a day or two among us.  
I preached last night to the scholars &  
teachers at the Indian School.



It was the largest congregation  
I have ever preached to in New  
Mexico. They were very well pleased  
to have a sermon preached to  
them. It is very pleasant to visit the  
Indian School and Mr. Prof. Bygon is  
a good man and has the work at  
heart, and all the converts are  
very faithful.

Please let me know when you  
expect to come this way. Last week  
I took a trip out on the N. & P. R.R.  
I went as far as California. It did not  
go so good it was so cool crossing Arizona  
at night we had fire in the train  
while crossing the mountains.

We are getting along very nicely here and  
hope to be able to do more work when the weather  
is getting a little colder. I wish you could get  
some of the good people east to donate some  
organ to our church. We are trying to raise  
money to finish the inside of our church and  
still without an organ. Yours truly  
J. C. McConnel

18th Dec 18th

Boyle, 18th

My dear

My dear friend

I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. and am very glad to hear that you are well. I am also well and hope this letter will find you the same. I am very much interested in the progress of the cause and hope to hear from you again soon. I am, dear friend, very truly yours, J. Boyle

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My dear friend  
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am  
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines  
will find you the same. I am not at present in a position  
to do much for you, but I will do what I can. I am  
very truly yours,  
Wm. Lloyd Garrison



271 Clinton St. Albany.  
July 19th '83

I received a postal from  
Mae March requesting  
me to send you names of  
churches in Presb. contrib-  
uting to Steam Launch.

Albany 1st gave \$148.75.  
Secretary. Mae H. A. Strong  
103 Washington St. Albany.

Albany 3rd. \$243.78. Secretary  
Mae C. P. Stanton. 85 Ten Broeck  
St. Albany.

Amsterdam 2nd. \$119.00. Mice  
Fanny Bartlett. Treasurer.  
Ballston. about \$22. Mice. E.  
Lawrence. Secretary.

Mae F. O. Connelley. Sec.  
Cor Sec

POSTAL CARD.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.



Mr Sheldon Jackson.

23 Centre St.

New York City;  
N. Y.

Wichita, Kansas  
July 20th 1883

My dear Bro.

The first mail  
under your contract came  
last evening. Bringing four  
letters from you. Because of  
bad winds on the trip  
the canoe was not at  
Keweenaw until two days  
after the steamer had gone.  
Sub. I started them on here  
with a specific understanding  
they were to be there on time.

They found a canoe loaded  
with canoe they told them  
at Keweenaw they at 15 were  
going to depart next month  
and that the Hydro's were  
not getting half through.

Two more chains they were sent  
this time. I cannot



kept them here half a day & then  
loaded them heavily with his  
goods & so on.

4. Here I may as well  
answer to the inference drawn  
from a phrase in my annual  
report. That, Mr. Chapman  
was returning from back from  
Litch. to do some work, he could  
have built up a comfortable  
temporary house before going &  
so if he had tried to help his  
country. Nearly all the cattle  
and in the hands are occu-  
py now were ready early  
in the winter & without  
any effort on Mr. C's part  
that is all did not pro-  
pose to work in the winter no  
matter who suffered. Mr. Y-  
ant Mr. Hill can tell you  
something of him & so

not over 5 years in your  
unless there is a necessity for  
it. He was certainly responsible  
for the manner in which he  
spent his time.

I think in my reports,  
writing & work & success  
all is our hearts, all our  
all your efforts for us in  
the report to which you refer  
your name is mentioned.

Also in a recent brief  
communication for the  
"Home Mission".

In reference to the clipping  
pertaining to P. O. Stewart" a  
sharp man says himself of

The route at once suggests  
the S. W. Co. the S. P. & P. Co.  
the S. L. Co. as well as the  
insurance. The S. W. Co.  
building on the corner of

Began a little 22x22 pole & shake  
house before the apr. steamer. The  
lumber helper was so in that  
I then proposed going further in  
building and use the lower story  
for Scholtschurck and we went  
to accommodate further of which  
I probably wrote, but Hill came  
& stated that for this season, did  
not bring lumber but would  
come for full erection it  
would be sometime before the  
first Campfire in lumber.  
I need not now mention  
the present but matters for the  
first time to his coming.  
You will be disappointed  
in want to order lumber  
as it will be something  
definite to come very



North Long Branch N. J.  
July 23 1883

Rev Sheldon Jackson D D

Sir As you observe by  
the enclosed Prospectus I  
am engaged on the Works  
of the late Secretary Seward,  
I wish to give prominence  
to the acquisition of Alaska  
as it deserves.

Can you give me brief statistics  
of your good work there?  
Have you anything like a  
Library there?

Can you name a few of the  
prominent men there?

I had the pleasure of sending  
you some of Mr. Seward's  
speeches on Alaska from

the Department of State in Wash-  
ington some two or three years  
ago. I shall be happy to  
aid your enterprise as oppor-  
tunity offers.

In the mean time I am

Yours Respectfully

Wm. C. Baker.

PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION,

NO. 1334 CHESTNUT STREET.

Philadelphia, July 24 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

My dear Brother

I enclose the Willard Alaska  
Letter to you today; and return the  
proof of the picture of Mrs. Willard and  
Baby, which I judge to be good. Photo-  
pictures mean more to those who  
knew the living person than to those  
who do not.

With kind regards

J. A.  
John W. Dulles.



Refon W is July 27

Rev. Sheldon Jackson Esq.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of the  
14<sup>th</sup> was forwarded here, and  
suspension out and assistance  
from which has presented  
regular reply. Do you see  
I could not do anything  
about getting that same  
inserted in the columns. I  
will look it up when I get  
back. I think it will  
well to write to Dicty. Refer  
on to me subject.

It is a good law that I  
next send to go to Canada. I shall  
be in Washington Aug. 1.

Yours truly J. S. Cook

Newcastle July 21<sup>st</sup> 1853.

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother

You cannot know the anxiety I have felt during the last fortnight. I wrote a strong and long letter to the Board and as I thought, sent it, together with note, to you, requesting you to convey it to the Board. Not receiving any word I feared there had been a mistake in mailing, being a sufferer from an inflamed eye. The addressing was partially done by another. There was nothing in the note addressed to you, in any way offensive as I believe, to the B. or likely to cause any trouble to you. Your letter <sup>written to me</sup> was mailed alone.

The same day to Mount Blair, as  
requested. No copy was taken.

I have <sup>felt</sup> troubled that your kind-  
ness to <sup>x</sup> me and mine, should  
meet such seeming neglect. ~~But~~  
I had written concerning Mr  
Hill's treatment in the letter  
referred to, It did not seem  
necessary to rewrite it. If I  
am correct in supposing you  
failed to get the reading of the  
letter, I will send a copy.  
Recd a letter from Mr Boyd  
last eve which fails to set  
the matter right, or give  
satisfaction.

Yours Truly and  
Graciously  
A White.



Sitka Alaska July 20<sup>th</sup> 83

Dear Dr Jackson

I did not have time to write you at length by last mail, & as we are expecting the Eureka any day now I will begin to write you now.

We received letters from the Willards by last steamer, Mrs W. was very blue, she did not state the reasons but intimated, that Rev Mr Hills visit had something to do with it. Capt Curriam met Mr Styles in the street the other day, &

He said that Dr Lindsley  
had written to him;  
that your influence  
with the Board was  
at an end. Wanted to  
know if this was so?

He was none the wiser  
by the information he  
received. I should not  
mention it, but thought  
it was right that you  
should know it, as it  
shows the animus of cer-  
tain parties to our work  
here. I cannot conceive  
why he should be writing  
to Capt. M. The Captain  
is very intimate with  
our Kostonetoff & the  
secret opposition of the  
Russians to our work  
keeps leaking out. Capt

Mr. has never been in  
to see our school, or attended  
a church service. I mailed  
the petition of the Missionaries  
to Dr. Randall. & ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, I write these  
things confidentially. We  
are greatly rejoiced at the  
prospect of your being  
appointed Sup<sup>t</sup> of Missions  
in Alaska, for we feel that  
much more will be done,  
& that the Missions in  
this distant field, while  
in a transition state,  
need some one on the  
ground. July 26<sup>th</sup> 1883.

The steamer came in this  
morning. Miss Rankin  
called on us. is on her  
way to Chilcat to see



Miss Mathews. She reports  
all the missionaries  
well at Waukegan, Ill.  
Mr Hill has gone below  
I send you Mr Mathews  
bill in which he has  
your credit for the CK  
for \$123.64. leaving a bal  
still of \$145.74 due him.  
I send a statement of  
the building acct showing  
that the money given us  
has been expended with  
the exception of \$15.50 —  
I have sent my acct for  
bills paid to Mr Eaton  
showing that they owe  
me \$44.61. If you think  
best he can pay that  
amount to you (\$15.50) and  
deduct it from my acct  
& add the bal on to my  
CK for salary when he



sends it. Then you can  
send a ck to Kallman  
for \$145.74 & that will  
square the acct. Mr  
Ogles has sent receipts,  
tickets &c on building acct  
except for Indian labor &  
the items for Russian  
labor I have added, that  
I have not been able to  
get. If you get the bal due  
on building acct (\$15.50) of  
Mr Eaton please notify me  
& if possible get him to add  
the bal owing me on my  
ck for salary. Have had  
to <sup>know</sup> money this month  
to pay little bills. If Mr

Will send up six months  
supply without making  
arrangements to pay  
freight, I shall have to  
draw on Mr Eaton  
for the amount, Please  
mention this to him,  
for if he does not honor  
the draft, the goods will  
be stored & the groceries  
will not be worth  
much, if they are kept  
in the Store house a month  
or two. I shall be very  
anxious to hear from  
you again to know  
how the matter goes  
mentioned in your last  
turns out. Family all  
write with me in sending  
kindest regards to you & yours.  
Sincerely Yours W E Austin

Considerable quantity of that  
timber of a size & soundness  
for sawing. most of the valu-  
able saw timber is spruce.

We were glad to see Messrs Hill &  
McLeod and the beginning of work  
on the mill. It will yet be a  
considerable time before the  
mill is in operation. Then  
the lumber to supply the station  
mission is to be cut. So our  
school & church rooms are still  
in the future. But the Master  
will bring it all right - within  
our poor time. The people in  
the Wangel home are much in  
need of some room at such  
convenient in this work find  
it not easy to interpret their  
limits and in the future.

Will do it over you in mission  
work, yet we have ever something  
to cheer & encourage.

I in that letter of Jan 9 -  
said & left to wish I  
could think there was just  
in time to get out and set  
prepar for next summer,  
which may be some way  
off.

I may find time to  
write and tell you  
more.

Yours in the work  
L. A. B. (L. A. B.)



Cliff Seat, Landeroy, N.Y.,

July 25, 1883

Dear Sir,

It will be  
a keen delight to me  
if under your wise  
leadership, I can help  
stir up Boston &  
New England to rebuke  
the national neglect  
of Alaska.

In reply to your note,  
I ask you to call for  
me at my study, at  
54, Bondum St.,

Morton, where I am  
likely to be found  
almost any day after  
Sep. 10 until Oct. 1

Mrs. Cook recalls,  
as I do, with high  
pleasure our conversa-  
tions with you on our  
trip to the Yosemite  
valley. We write in  
sending our best regards.  
Yours always,  
Joseph Cook.

Cliff Seat, Liconderoga, N. Y.,

July 25, 1883

Dear Sir,

It will be  
a keen delight to me  
if, under your wise  
leadership, I can help  
stir up Boston &  
New England to rebuke  
the national neglect  
of Alaska.

In reply to your note,  
I ask you to call for  
me at my study, at  
54, Bowdoin St.,

Newcastle July 28<sup>th</sup> 1883

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Brother,

Your note  
of July 20 together with photo  
rec'd. We have consulted about  
it and find no reason for  
change.

Yours Truly,

A. White.



Rev R. W. Hills letter of July 28, 1883

(the Jacksons)

Reasons for not ~~put~~ building saw mill in Ham Cove  
1<sup>st</sup> Small volume of water - 2<sup>nd</sup> Length & Cost of flume  
3. Difficulty of access at high tide, 4 frozen up in  
winter Dam 12 feet-high

To remove one root took 6 men 3 days.  
To get the bottom logs of the dam in place took  
10 men two days.

North Long Branch N.J.

July 30 1883

My dear Sir

Thanks for your  
letter and attention.

I thought perhaps you  
might give me say a  
page of Condensed matter  
about Alaska.

And on another sheet the  
names of 5 or 6 persons  
intimately connected or  
interested in Alaska

I did not contemplate  
imposing a task upon you.  
Within two weeks will do.

Yours Respectfully  
Geo E Baker